

1. Pray today for the Town Centre Pastoral Team as they faithfully go out onto the streets of Aldershot each week. Ask for God's Presence to be encountered by those they come alongside and for the team to be blessed in their service.
2. As December begins, pray for the staff team and their families. Pray that they might be equipped for all that is ahead this month and so serve others out of their own relationship with God.
3. Today marks the beginning of Advent. Pray for the first of our Children's Services for the very young, especially for Caroline and Simon as they lead the team and for those young families that have been invited.
4. PPP – Prayer, Praise and Prophecy: This evening at 7.30pm our church gathers to pray. Come along and join us, thankful for whom God is and expectant for all that he has prepared for us, our church and our town.
5. As Advent begins, ask God for wisdom about how to spend your resources - time, talents and money during this season of preparation and anticipation. Pray that no-one will spend more money than they can afford.
6. Give thanks for those who are taking part in our START and ALPHA courses and continue to pray that they will be drawn closer to God. Who are you going to invite to our Christmas Services this month? Pray for opportunities to invite at least one person..
7. As the final evening on Releasing Spiritual Gifts takes place, pray for all of those who have been encouraged and equipped to seek the opportunity to step out in Faith and use these gifts amongst us, that the whole church might be built up.

8. As Simon prepares to leave Holy Trinity, pray for him with a thankful heart for all that he has given to us. Pray for his new home and role and continue to pray for the person God is calling here to build on Simon's ministry.

9. Continue to pray for local and national politicians that they might be men and women influenced by God's wisdom.

10. Second Sunday in Advent. Pray that our Nepalese brothers and sisters may be blessed to be a blessing in our town. As our new Archdeacon, Paul Davies is welcomed into the Diocese today, pray for him and all those who lead Guildford Diocese.

Continue to pray for George that he will be blessed in his leadership of us at Holy Trinity, but also in his role as Area Dean supporting other local churches.

11. This month provides the opportunity for the ACT Assemblies Team to proclaim the Good News of Christmas in at least nine different schools. Pray that the seeds sown in each of these communities will bear fruit.

12. Remember in your prayers all those who serve us through leading worship, especially with the additional services in the next couple of weeks. Pray not only for the musicians, but also those who manage the projection and the sound.

13. We continue to pray for Jonathan and Susan as Jonathan's Sabbatical comes to an end. Ask that God will speak to them and clarify all that they have discovered and learned during this time.

14. Today we will host a Christmas party for Contact and a Carol Service for Aldershot Town Football Club. Pray for all who will come.

15. HT Kids Christmas Party. Give thanks for the blessing of the children and young people that we have regular contact with at HT. Pray that all who work with our children and young people will be blessed and encouraged in their Faith through this ministry.

16. Perhaps especially at this time of the year ask in prayer that we might be mindful of those who find life a struggle for whatever reason. Pray for the work of The Source and The Vine that they may have all the resources they need, including finance to be able to carry out their valuable work.

17. Third Sunday in Advent. Tonight we hold our Carol Service, a wonderful opportunity to invite and bring along our neighbours and friends. A time away from all the busy-ness.

18. As we host Deux Chats Nursery Nativity today and join in with carol singing at Kingsley Court and Remyck House, pray that God will enable us to continue to build relationships with all the generations in our church and town.

19. Is there time today to remember the marginalised and the persecuted? Remember especially those Christians around the world who will not be able to sing out Carols of praise and worship. Perhaps today fast from food, alcohol, shopping or media - if only for part of the day as an act of worship centred and dependent on Jesus and thankful for the freedoms we have.

20. As the 'Christmas Angels, knitted throughout the year, find their way onto the streets of Aldershot, including Wellesley this year, pray that they might bring their messages of Hope to those who need to hear and receive it.

21. As the school holidays begin, pray for all the children and families in our church and town, that this Christmas will be one where good memories are built, where each child knows that they are loved. Pray that with the often unavoidable stresses that family gatherings can bring, that we might be able to have patience with each other and where there are disagreements to keep short accounts, being ready to forgive.

As Women's Hour meets for the final time this year we thank God for this faithful group that meet each week and for the new people who have joined us.

22. Pray for all those who 'welcome,' us into the church each week. As they smile at us and welcome in so many visitors this week, let's remember to smile at them too!

23. Set aside a time for silence today, expectant that making the time to be with God in silence will be life-giving.

24. Fourth Sunday in Advent. It's Christmas Eve! Pray especially for Jackie Maw at Wellspring, as they have their street Nativity this afternoon and for our Christingle service this evening.

25. Christmas Day. Emmanuel - God With Us.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9.6).

26. Pray for health and well-being in body and mind today and especially for those who struggle with addictions or ill health that is life-limiting. Pray that we might be honest about the behaviours that trap us, so that we might begin the path to wholeness.

27. Pray today for those who are lonely, perhaps through bereavement. Ask that God might show us those around us who are in need of some company. Is there someone you are aware of that God is prompting you to get alongside?

28. Give thanks for the land and buildings that belong to Holy Trinity. We are blessed with an amazing group of volunteers gifted in administration, practical service and stewardship, who work behind the scenes to support the ministries of our church.

29. Pray today for all those who are unwell, especially if in hospital or unable to be with family. Pray too for all those involved in pastoral care at Holy Trinity who throughout the year visit and encourage so many.

30. Take Time to reflect as this year draws to a close. What are you thankful for this year? What has been difficult? What is God nudging you about for next year?

31. New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year, a great opportunity to gather in worship and end the year in the Presence of God together.

Pray for our church and its mission, that on the eve of 2018, we might *know His love, show His love, share His love and pray that Jesus will be known throughout Aldershot.*

HOLY TRINITY, ALDERSHOT

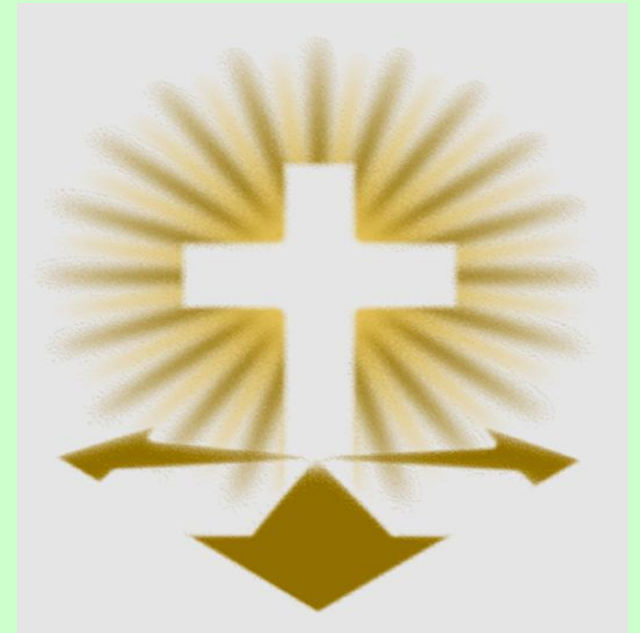
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December 2017

PRAYER LEAFLET

*But as for me, I watch in hope
for the Lord, I wait for God my
Saviour; my God will hear me.*

Micah 7.7